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LA CATALINA SAM SITE
CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: RELOCATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF EQUIPMENT TO AN AREA ADJACENT AND JUST SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL SITE.
2. REMARKS: SINCE JULY 1965 THE CUBANS HAVE BUILT THREE (GUANABACOA, PALMA SORIANO, SANTA ISABEL DE LAS LAJAS) COMPLETELY REVETTED AND ONE (CONSTANCIA) UNREVVETTED SA-2 SITE WITH THE SAME BASIC DESIGN CONCEPT. AT PRESENT TWO (PUNTA BRAVA & LA CATALINA) APPEAR TO BE UNDERGOING IMPROVEMENT TO CONFORM WITH THIS PATTERN. THE TREND SEEMS TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD PERMANENT SUPPORT FACILITIES, REVETTED LAUNCH AND HOLD POSITIONS, AND REVETTED GUIDANCE AREAS AS OPPOSED TO THE MANY FIELD-TYPE SITES IN EXISTENCE IN CUBA HERETOFORE. IN SOME CASES, SITES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN NEW AREAS AND EQUIPMENT MOVED INTO THE AREA WHEN NEARING OR UPON COMPLETION. IN OTHERS, EQUIPMENT IS MOVED TO AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE ORIGINAL SITE AND THEN IMPROVEMENT MADE TO THE ORIGINAL SITE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE WITNESSED ONLY ONE COMPLETE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AT GUANABACOA OF THE LATTER, IT APPEARS THIS PROCEDURE IS BEING FOLLOWED AT PUNTA BRAVA AND NOW AT LA CATALINA.
3. LOCATION: 0.2 NM SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL SITE AT 22-59-00N 082-00-09W (UTM 17QLR973400).
4. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:
5. NEGATION DATE:

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6. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NUMEROUS GOLDEN TREE MISSIONS.

7. MISSION READOUT:

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HAS BEEN PARTIALLY VACATED. TWO VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT REMAIN IN THE GUIDANCE AREA. SUPPORT AREA CONTAINS 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS WITH EXPOSED MISSILES, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 7 PROBABLE CARGO TRUCKS. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

A NEW UNREVIEWED FIELD-TYPE SAM SITE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED APPROXIMATELY 0.2 NM SOUTH AT 22-58-00N 082-00-09W (UTM 17QLR973400).

LAUNCH FACILITIES INCLUDE 4 UNREVIEWED LAUNCH POSITIONS IN A FAN CONFIGURATION, AN UNREVIEWED GUIDANCE AREA, AND 2 UNREVIEWED EQUIPMENT POSITIONS.

OB -- 4 EMPLACED LAUNCHERS (ONE WITH MISSILE), 2 OTHER LAUNCHERS AT THE REAR OF THE SITE, 1 MISSILE TRANSPORTER, FAN SONG RADAR WITH 6 ASSOCIATED VAN TRAILERS, AND 1 OTHER VEHICLE/PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. SUPPORT FACILITIES INCLUDE 1 MEDIUM NON-SOVIET TENT.

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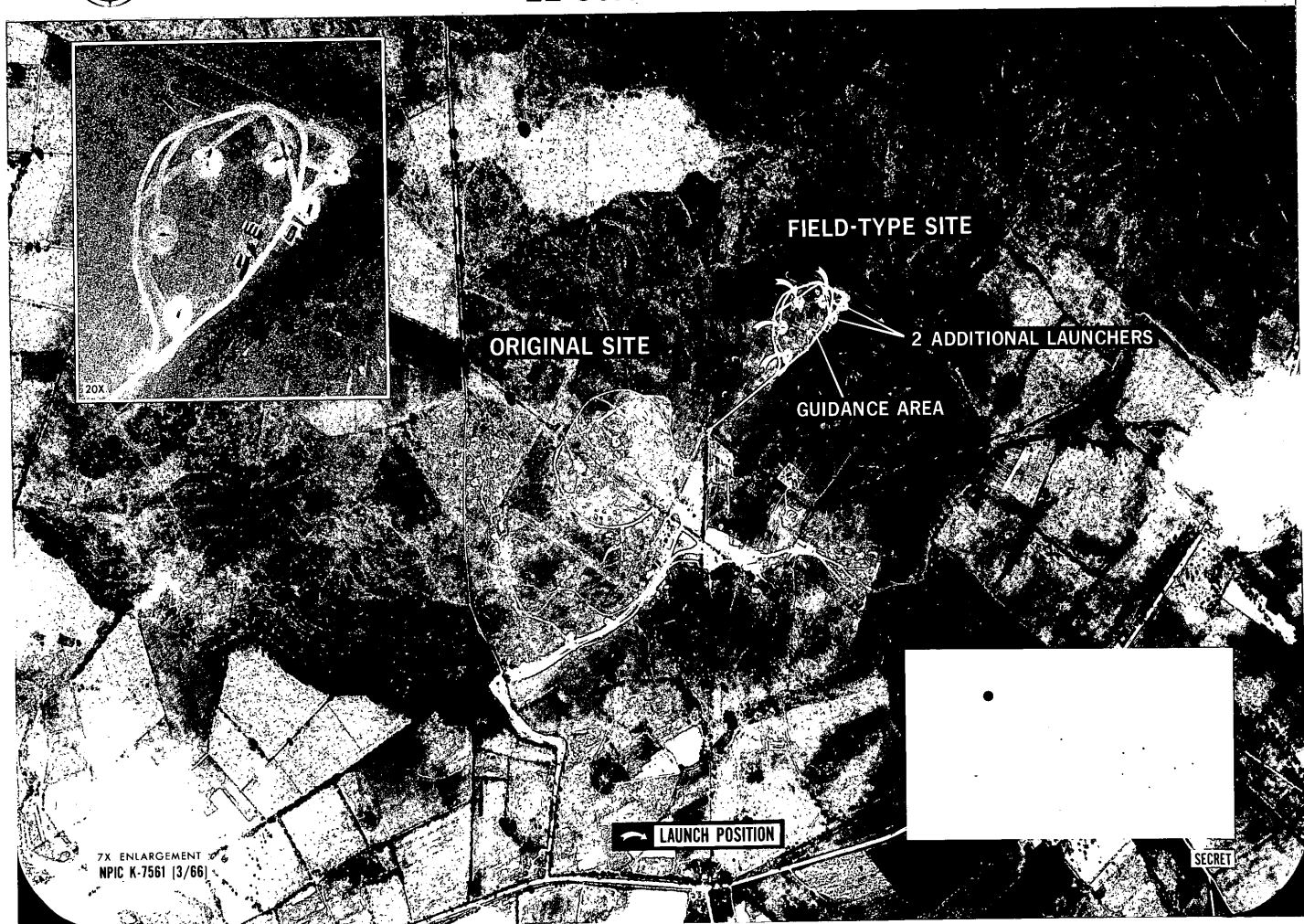
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22-58N 82-00W



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LAUNCH POSITION

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